

in a united effort to defeat Nazis-like tyranny and ideology in America, as well as the American bred forms of insidious, creeping dangerous prejudices that work against Negroes particularly.

Let us analyse some advantages Jews have over Negroes. These advantages often provide the mist that clouds the eyes of the average American citizen and so they must be swept away and understood for only what they are: (1) First and foremost is the fact that Jewish people are white, and therefore can not often be differentiated from the majority white group. Only where some characteristic of speech or facial features exist, is a Jewish person quickly recognized as such. On the other hand most Negroes are not white skinned, they vary in color from white to black, with the largest number of any one being dark brown. This cause them to be immediately distinguishable as Negroes - the group the white majority is supposed to hate.

(2) Because of the advantage of white color in a country when other than white color is quickly discriminated against, some Jewish persons have been able to amass great wealth as individuals. This has been possible in every walk of American life. Jewish individuals have been able to form arrangements for greater control by Jews of certain tangible or intangible areas of financial interest, thus assuring for themselves and other Jews, more even and stable incomes. On the other hand Negroes have constantly been recognized as Negroes and have not been allowed to participate in business developed among Negroes only; that Negro business has swelled about the million dollar mark. With the 99.99% of the population still operating as Negro workers, their incomes have not been sufficiently high to support many Negro businesses. There is no Negro Morgenthau, a person schooled in matters of high finance because he did not have to operate on a small-scale with 1/10 of the American population.

(3) Negroes have one advantage over Jews. The American Negro you see on the street has fore-parents born in this country further back than any other fore-parents of the average member of any white minority group. The slave trade in this country was stopped in 1807 (although slavery was not abolished until 1863), therefore Negroes cannot be thought of as foreigners or persons of foreign extraction. Negroes only have the religion, social, and educational standards or ideals of the average old-time America. Negroes speech and dress patterns may be found among whites also, in various sections of the United States from which certain types of Negroes come. Negroes therefore know America, have no nationalistic feeling about any other country, and can quickly sense what goes on around them. Jewish people have as large a group as they are, have not been in this country very long. The immediate parents of very many of Jews were born outside of the United States. They house pleasant or unpleasant memories of another land. They have favorable or unfavorable nationalistic feeling about these other countries.

(4) Negroes constitute the largest single minority so-called racial group in the United States. There are more than thirteen million Negroes in the United States. Numerically we are stronger than the Jewish group. This is important when we think of an alignment on matters where numbers count.

(5) So you see the types of differences and the implications of those differences that exist. Yet these differences have not made our problems and struggles dissimilar.

On June 8, 1943, Abraham G. Dukor in an address prepared for the final general session of the National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare Workers, declared, "Restoration of speciality to the individual Jews everywhere is one of two post-war aims upon which Jewish groups throughout the world are agreed... the other is insistence upon an international bill of rights to protect minorities everywhere." That statement shows one interesting thing. There are fewer Jewish people in the United States than there are "throughout the world." Jews have similar creed and religious customs with all true Jews over the world. Therefore world interest. Negroes are only in America. There is no communal factor of speech, religion or custom with native Africans. Therefore Negroes' emphasis has not yet included equality for all dark-skinned peoples of the earth. As French and English differ, so do Negroes and Australians, men of color. The energies of Negroes are covered with the home front first.

Where there are larger numbers of Negroes or of Jews, there most discrimination occurs against Negroes or Jews. Most Negroes live in the southern part of the United States. Most Jews live in the northeastern part of the United States. There we have mob violence against Negroes in Claiborne, Louisiana, and mob violence against Jews in Boston, Massachusetts. Our Problems: On May 25, 1943 Mrs. May Perletron, manager of the Wagon Wheel (St. Paul, Minn.) tavern & restaurant, was hand over to District Court on charges of racial discrimination after a preliminary hearing or a complaint that she refused to serve four persons because they were Jewish. One of these four Jews was in the uniform of the United States Army.

In July, of the same year, William Bownian, a Negro and international representative of the U.A. W, C.I.O. was denied accommodations at the Hotel Anickerbocker, 120 W. 45th Street. This case was taken to court and the first conviction in N.Y.C., under its 50 year old Civil Rights Law was handed down.

On May 27, 1942, the New York Herald Tribune ran this headline "New York and New Jersey Firms accused of Discrimination against Negroes and Jews."

Let's look at the method of Anti-Negro or Anti-Jewish propaganda: From the book Under Cover. Parker says, "When I go to a shop, I go to work on the fellow next to me. If he is a nigger I don't talk to him. If he is a Jew I don't talk to him either. I let them know I care nothing for them. I do everything I can to get them to leave me. You can't get anywhere with niggers and Jews." This was Nazi technique. "But if you are working next to a white man, begin by sounding him out. Size him up and ask key questions...if the victim shows promises my next step was to cultivate his friendship. In due time I was instructed to give him mild anti-semitic literature and watch for reactions. If favorable, I was to give him stronger dosage."

That's spreading poison my friends that's our common problem.

Things to do:

(From Humans in Bondage, by Lillian E. Smith)

1. Exchange letters with individuals of other racial groups.
2. A function of interracial committees can usefully be that of bringing congenial men and women of both races together.
3. Small, quiet gatherings.
4. Pressures and protests.
5. Insist that Negro characters in movies be more intelligent and attractive.
6. Group visits.
7. Join organizations
8. Common sense things to do
9. Don'ts for whites.